12.4 Fronted Adverbials: Test Pack

about 15 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

The School Allotment

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Every Tuesday afternoon, Class 4 walked down to the school allotment behind the sports hall. Yesterday, the whole class had planted rows of carrot seeds in neat lines. Carefully, Mr Hendry showed the children how to water each row without flooding the soil. Behind the greenhouse, a family of hedgehogs had made a cosy nest under some old leaves. Suddenly, a strong gust of wind knocked over three empty plant pots. Without complaining, Priya picked up the pots and stacked them neatly by the shed. Later that morning, the children discovered tiny green shoots poking through the soil at last. In the shed, Mr Hendry kept a box of seed packets, gardening gloves and a rusty old trowel. By the end of the lesson, everyone had muddy hands and enormous smiles.

1 In Year 4 work, a fronted adverbial is a word or phrase that starts a sentence and is followed by a comma. Tick the fronted adverbial in each sentence below.

(a) Later that day, the parcel finally arrived. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Later that day
- ☐ B) the parcel
- ☐ C) finally arrived

(b) Under the old oak tree, the children ate their lunch. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Under the old oak tree
- ☐ B) the children
- ☐ C) ate their lunch

(c) Without hesitating, Sam dived into the pool. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Without hesitating
- ☐ B) Sam
- ☐ C) dived into the pool

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(d) This morning, the postman delivered two large parcels. **(1)**

- ☐ A) This morning
- ☐ B) the postman
- ☐ C) delivered two large parcels

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2 Sort the fronted adverbials in the box into the correct column of the table below: Time, Place or Manner. Keep the comma with each phrase.

Word bank: Yesterday, | Behind the shed, | Carefully, | Next weekend, | Underneath the bridge, | Without a sound,

Time	Place	Manner

(6)

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3 Add a fronted adverbial of your own choice to the front of the sentence below. Choose an adverbial that adds an interesting detail of time, place or manner, and punctuate it correctly.

The dog chased the ball across the garden.

(2)

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4 Write the opening paragraph (three to four sentences) of a story about discovering a hidden door in a library. Use at least THREE different fronted adverbials, of at least two different types (time, place, manner or reason), each correctly punctuated with a comma. Underline each fronted adverbial you use.

(4)

5 Choose a fronted adverbial from the box to begin each sentence below. Remember to add a comma after it. Use each phrase once.

Word bank: Because of the traffic, | Across the playground, | Every August,

(a) ___ the children ran to the sandpit. **(1)**

(b) ___ we go camping by the lake. **(1)**

(c) ___ the bus arrived ten minutes late. **(1)**

6 Choose a fronted adverbial from the box to begin each sentence below. Remember to add a comma after the adverbial. Use each phrase once.

Word bank: Every evening, | In the distance, | All of a sudden,

(a) ___ Grandad waters his tomato plants. **(1)**

(b) ___ thunder rumbled over the hills. **(1)**

(c) ___ the lights went out. **(1)**

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Question 1

(a) A ticked (Later that day) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) Later that day**

(b) A ticked (Under the old oak tree) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **A) Under the old oak tree**

(c) A ticked (Without hesitating) cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) Without hesitating**

(d) A ticked (This morning) cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **A) This morning**

Question 2

Yesterday, sorted under Time cao **B1**

Next weekend, sorted under Time cao **B1**

Behind the shed, sorted under Place cao **B1**

Underneath the bridge, sorted under Place cao **B1**

Carefully, sorted under Manner cao **B1**

Without a sound, sorted under Manner cao **B1**

Answer: **Time: Yesterday, Next weekend. Place: Behind the shed, Underneath the bridge. Manner: Carefully, Without a sound.**

Question 3

a suitable fronted adverbial of time, place or manner added at the front of the sentence **B1**

comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial **B1**

Answer: **Example: Without stopping for breath, the dog chased the ball across the garden.**

Question 4

first correctly punctuated fronted adverbial used and underlined **B1**

second correctly punctuated fronted adverbial used and underlined **B1**

third correctly punctuated fronted adverbial used and underlined, and the three fronted adverbials include at least two different types **B1**

paragraph is written in connected, coherent sentences about discovering a hidden door **B1**

Answer: **Example: Late one rainy afternoon, Priya was dusting the highest shelves of the library. Behind a row of old atlases, she noticed a thin wooden door. Curiously, she pushed it open and stepped into the dark.**

Question 5

(a) Across the playground, chosen and comma used (oe, any adverbial from the box that makes sense with a comma) **B1**

(a) Answer: **Across the playground, the children ran to the sandpit.**

(b) Every August, chosen and comma used (oe, any adverbial from the box that makes sense with a comma) **B1**

(b) Answer: **Every August, we go camping by the lake.**

(c) Because of the traffic, chosen and comma used (oe, any adverbial from the box that makes sense with a comma) **B1**

(c) Answer: **Because of the traffic, the bus arrived ten minutes late.**

Question 6

(a) Every evening, chosen and comma used cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Every evening, Grandad waters his tomato plants.**

(b) In the distance, chosen and comma used cao (also accept All of a sudden, here if In the distance, is used in part c) **B1**

(b) Answer: **In the distance, thunder rumbled over the hills.**

(c) All of a sudden, chosen and comma used cao (also accept In the distance, here if All of a sudden, is used in part b) **B1**

(c) Answer: **All of a sudden, the lights went out.**

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